



MONTGOMERY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Minutes of Meeting

Pratt Hall, Montgomery

Wednesday, May 20, 2009 @ 5:30 PM

THESE ARE THE UNOFFICIAL MINUTES UNTIL APPROVED BY THE BOARD.

Board Members and Members Present:

Scott Perry, Bill McGroarty, Sue Wilson, Marijke Dollois, Bill Branthoover, Pat Farmer, Jo Anne Bennett, Parma Jewett

Scott Perry called the Meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Scott presented a large, framed photograph donated by Sherman Potvin of Avery's Gore Drive, taken by Central Vermont Railway Co. and published by Blake Tourists of Montgomery Center.

Recognition of visitors:

Noela McGroarty

1. Minutes of 04/15/09:

Sue made a Motion, seconded by Parma to approve the Minutes of 04/15/09; Motion was unanimously approved.

2. Treasurer's Report:

Marijke made a Motion, seconded by Pat to approve the Treasurer's Reports of 05/20/09; the Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report of 05/20/09:

Checking Account	\$ 9,700.28
Lalia Pratt Hays Scholarship CD	580.67
Capital Improvement CD	1,886.62
Stained Glass Window Fund CD	5,643.10
Line of Credit balance	\$16,280.00

3. Membership Update:

Marijke reported that 135 memberships had been received for a total of \$6,585.00; this includes 9 new members.

4. Old Business:

A. Pratt Hall/Heaton House – a lot was accomplished at the last clean-up day. Heaton House: new shelving for storage of the archives, humidity meter installed, side-door properly secured, new lock on the main entrance door. Pratt Hall: stairs leading to the basement were removed, all parts of the stagecoach frame were moved outside for assembly, final vacuuming cleaning in bug treatment areas, rhododendrons were planted. Tim Murphy inspected the support post of the stairs and offered to donate the concrete footing. Other wooden posts need replacement as well and he suggested using pressure treated wood.

B. Stained Glass Windows Cards – Scott received another \$28 for cards sold leaving a debit of \$360.

C. Dates to remember:

May 25 – Memorial Day 10:00 AM at Village Cemetery

June 19 – Annual Meeting

July 18 – Wedding

July 18 – Concert 1 – Atlantic Crossing

Aug. 1 – Concert 2 – Eleva Chamber Players

Aug. 15 – Concert 3 – 35th Parallel

Aug. 21 – Art Show Member Appreciation Reception

Aug. 22 – Art Show

D. Annual Meeting Prep – invitation to be sent to member last week of May; rsvp by June 15th.

Sue and Parma will set up Marion Towle exhibit; Parma suggested sending an invitation to Marion Towle's daughter-in-law who provided several pieces for the exhibit. Sue reported that she bought additional wineglasses. It was decided to keep the charge at \$12.00 pp. Sue and Marijke will set up tables, etc.

E. Things to keep on the radar scope:

- New Board members / Nominees – Sally Newton resigned from the Board due to conflicting times with her bridge tournaments! Suggestions were made to ask Tim Chapin, Ken Secor, Maggie Elkins to join the Board.
- Butler Decorative Cloth – Bill B. has been in touch with Mr. Douglas Butler whose health is not good. Mr. Butler has the Parker Store ledger books which are of great interest to Bill. He was asked to pursue the acquisition of the decorative cloth as it would make an interesting exhibit. Bill further showed a copy of “Vermont Warnings Out – Volume 1” which lists people asked to leave town because they are a burden to society.
- Marion Towle Project – exhibit to be complete by time of the Annual Meeting, June 19th.
- Old Maps Project – no action
- Archives, accessioning, moving and storage – shelving now in place at Heaton House; no further action at this time.
- Rebuild stage – Pat and Scott made a preliminary effort to put the stage back together; the bed is missing. They will try to put the 4 wheels back on and then put it on a flatbed for the July 4th parade with enlarged photographs on what it originally looked like.
- Grant writing – no further update

5. **New Business:**

A. Elders Night III – Sally has a new contact and will keep the Board informed of the progress to set up another date. Jo Anne will help her.

B. Guide to the Stained Glass Windows of Pratt Hall – Scott presented a binder with detailed information of the meanings and biblical references of scenes and symbols shown in the stained glass windows as well as the names and dates on each window. A marvelous piece of work – congratulations to Scott.

- C. Use of the bulk mailing permit – the Covered Bridges Garden Club had asked to use the permit for a one-time grandlist mailing to help them increase their membership; Marijke checked with the post office and this would not be a problem. Scott suggested that if this took place there should be no reference to the MHS and that this would be a one-time use only. At this time there is no need for the use of the permit.

- D. Noela presented pictures of last year's Art Show as well as a CD. She reported that 40 invitations were sent out with 7 respondents received to-date. Michael Domina has offered a painting for the raffle. The large easels need to be better secured. Other requirements are ±28 posters and name tags for all the artists. An invitation will be send to Dick Harper of the Vermont Art Council.

6. Adjourn:

Marijke moved and Pat seconded a motion to adjourn at 6:40 P.M. Said motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, June 17th at Pratt Hall .

Respectfully submitted,
Marijke M. Dollois